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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: SHOWA CORPORATION ) Examiner: BURCH  
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For: HYDRAULIC SHOCK ABSORBING APPARATUS )  
OF VEHICLE )  
Docket Number: 13712 )

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICIAL ACTION**  
**AND**  
**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313

2 February 2007

Sir:

This communication is responsive to your final Office Action dated 2 October 2006, having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire 2 January 2007. Accompanying this response is a petition for a one-month extension of time up to and including 2 February 2007. Accordingly this response is timely filed on 2 February 2007.

Please amend the application as follows:

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**In the Description:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on Page 4, line 19 with the following paragraph:

FIG. 1 is a general view showing one of right and left hydraulic shock absorbers, which shock absorber is a compression damping shock absorber;

FIG. 2 is an enlarged view of a main portion in FIG.1;

FIGS. 3A and 3B show a modified embodiment in which an oil passage is provided in a rod guide, in which FIG. 3A is a cross sectional view and FIG. 3B is a plan view of a bush;

FIG. 4 is a general view showing the other of the right and left hydraulic shock absorbers, which shock absorber is an expansion damping shock absorber;

FIG.5 is an enlarged view of a main portion in FIG. 4.

**In the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as set out in the section entitled "Claim Amendments".